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The IDS submitted by applicant under 37 CFR 1.97(d) has been considered by the examiner. The abstract of Japanese patent application number (07-032099) and partial translation of a Japanese examiner's rejection of claims 1-7 of applicant's Japanese application using (07-032099), relied upon by applicant as the concise explanation of the relevance of (07-032099) under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(3)(i), do not address the claim limitations set forth in applicant's U.S. application. Therefore, the examiner has concluded the art is not relevant to applicant's U.S. claims, and they continue to be allowable over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to William M. Treat at telephone number 703 305 9699. The examiner works at home on Wednesdays but may normally be reached on Wednesdays by leaving a voice message using his office phone number. The examiner also works a flexible schedule but may normally be reached in the afternoon and evening on three of the four remaining weekdays

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